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1884

IMPORTANT DATES IN OTTAWA'S FOOTBALL HISTORY.

1884-Nov. 8—Harvard vs. Ottawa College. First and last appearance of an American College Team in Ottawa. Eleven Players on each team. Exhibition game. First half played under American rules, second half under Canadian Rugby rules. Final score: Harvard 20; Ottawa College 6.

1885-Nov. 7—Ottawa College vs. Ottawa City, Final game in Ontario Rugby Series for the Championship of Ontario. Final score: Ottawa College 21; Ottawa City 0.

1887-Nov. 5—Ottawa College vs. Montreal. Game played at Montreal for the Championship of Canada. Final score: Ottawa College 10; Montreal 5.

FROM
THE "OTTAWA CITIZEN"
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, 1884

SPORTING NEWS
HARVARD vs. OTTAWA COLLEGE.

The famous Harvard team arrived in Ottawa by the C. P. R. noon train on Saturday and were met at the Union Station by a Committee of the Varsity Club and escorted to the Russell House where preparations had been made for their reception. After lunch both teams repaired to the Rideau Hall grounds and punctually at 3 o'clock lined up to receive His Excellency the Governor General, who had kindly consented to place the ball. His Excellency on being introduced to Captains Kimball and Riley spent a few minutes in conversation with them, and placed the ball with the precision that might be expected of an old Rugby boy. The College gave him their mystifying cheer, and the Harvards followed with their 'rah, 'rah, 'rahs. As the teams stood face to face they presented a marked difference in age, weight and stature. The Harvards were on the average taller, and were all very much heavier than the College, and, by reason of their mature years, perfectly developed men. The Varsitys had a boyish appearance, but, like their stalwart opponents, were in the pink of condition. The teams were as follows:—

HARVARDS		OTTAWA COLLEGE
Peabody	back	Moras
Willard	half	Brogan
Kimball (Capt.)	"	Riley (Capt.)
Bemis	quarters	McCarthy
Hurd	forwards	Guillet
Hymans	"	Cunningham
Gilman	"	Hughes
Winslow	"	O'Malley
Brooks	"	Bannon
Phillips	"	Kehoe
Finney	"	Charette

Mr. A. Keith, of Harvard, was umpire for the visitors, Chas. Murphy, of the College of Ottawa, for the home men and Mr. James M. Oxley, of the Marine and Fisheries Department, an old Harvard student, was appointed referee. Harvard winning the toss, chose the northern goal, with a very high wind in their favor. Guillet kicked off for the College, sending the ball well up the field, where it was secured by Kimball, who, instead of kicking or trying a run, threw it still further back to Peabody, thus enticing the College rushers to follow it up, leaving uncovered the Harvard forwards, who held their places. The ball was then returned to the center of the field but near the touch line, over which it soon went. On being thrown out by Harvard it was caught by Gilman, who tried a run. Quick as lightning Hughes was on him, and had him down before he could advance three yards. A scrimmage ensued, the ball being snapped back by Harvard and thrown diagonally forward across the field by Bemis. The College umpire claimed a foul, but Kimball, who had secured the ball, ran towards the Varsity's goal. Bannon hearing the call of "foul" neglected to check him although in a position to do so, and the Harvard captain carried the ball over the line. The touchdown was disputed on account of the throw forward, but was allowed by the referee and a goal was kicked from it. Finney having been disabled was now replaced by Thayer, and Guillet again sent off the ball. Harvard played precisely as before, leading the College on so that their own wings would be uncovered. Before the College boys could realize that they were getting badly sold, the ball was once more kicked far over their heads close to the goals. Moras ran to catch it, but had hardly touched it when Gilman, who, with three others, had remained near the College backs, swept over him and secured another touchdown, which was followed by another goal. Two goals in ten minutes made things look blue for the Varsitys. Their eyes, however, were now well opened, and Riley disposed his men so as to better check the manoeuvers of their opponents. "Hold back and cover your men," was his cry, and Harvard's every move was checkmated. Still

the ball was worked back by pure force, and before Moras could kick it he was seized and carried over the line. The safety touch from this maul added two more points to the Harvard score. Guillet in kicking off made a short drop, and before Willard could return the sphere, the College forwards were on him and secured it. From the scrimmage in center field Riley made a capital run right through the Harvard rushers, passed their quarters and half backs, and yielded only to Peabody, within ten feet of the goal line. The spectators, becomming excited, came on the field mingling with the players. One of the Harvards rushing through an opening in the crowd, in following up the ball, ran violently against the Varsity's umpire, throwing him to the ground. Mr. E. Dorgan was substituted for Mr. Murphy, who had to be removed. A hard struggle now took place in front of the Harvard goal, but the visitors successfully resisted the attack until half time was called, the score standing 14 to 0. So far the Harvards excelled in passing, kicking and uncovering—the College in running and tackling.

During the five minutes' intermission the Varsitys leisurely munched their lemons and discussed the prospects for the next three-quarters of an hour. Numerous friends offered multitudionus suggestions—most of which were worthless—as to how the remainder of the game should be played. Captain Riley and his men were themselves fully alive to their weak points and had come to their own conclusions. The forwards were determined to make haste slowly, and the backs formed a little combination by which they thought they could carry the war into the enemy's camp. On the ball being set in motion, Harvard with a grand rush swept it down to near the Varsity goal, but it didn't come to stay. McCarthy, Brogan, Riley and Moras, playing beautifully together, got it well out to their rushers, who forced it across center field and back to the Harvard goal. Here the fight waged hotly for fully five minutes, the College making strenuous efforts to work it across the line. This was not to be just yet. The leather travelled

back to center field, where the College backs, again getting it and repeating their former tactics, gave another chance to their forwards, who one and all responded nobly. Down the ball went to the visitor's goal and over the line, where there was a close race for it between Peabody and Cunningham. The latter succeeded in touching it down, amidst the wildest excitement. A goal was kicked and six points scored for Ottawa. Harvard sent the ball again flying down the field and made another grand rush. It was now Greek meeting Greek. Every inch of ground was stubbornly contested. The Varsitys however were slowly forced back and a scrimmage took place dangerously near the goal line. The spectators surging in interfered with the backs, and the Harvards secured their third touchdown, which they did not succeed in converting into a goal. For some time after play remained near center field until McCarthy capturing the ball made a splendid run, passed six Harvards in succession and brought it well up into their territory. Harvard did not like this and their umpire claimed a foul, which, after considerable discussion, was allowed, and the ball returned whence it came. The grounds for this decision are not clear. Three minutes later time was called, the score for the second half being 6 to 6. The game was thus won by the Harvards by 20 to 6. The College forwards, Cunningham, Guillet, Hughes, Kehoe, Charette, Bannon and O'Malley, in the second half covered their men, tackled them in splendid style and spoiled the Harvard passing game effectively. When play was concluded the teams cheered each other, and the referee, and leaving the field together returned to the Russell, where they were entertained by a number of citizens, Mr. A. F. McIntyre in the chair. Short speeches were made by the chairman and captains of both teams. The Harvards were well pleased with their visit to Ottawa, and hope to return again next fall, when, it is needless to say, they will be heartily welcomed. When the College Club invited the Harvards to meet them in Ottawa it was not with the expectation of scoring a victory, but for the purpose of affording the citizens an exhibition of the game of football

as played by one of the three contestants in the American Inter-Collegiate Association. It was also their desire to acquire as many points from the Harvards as was possible in one day's playing, and they have acquired not a few.

NOTE:—Special features of the game that were seen for the first time in Canada were Harvard's long lateral passes, low tackling and running interference.

FROM
"THE OTTAWA CITIZEN"
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9th, 1885

SPORTING NEWS
OTTAWA COLLEGE vs. OTTAWA

Since it became known that the final contest for the championship cup given by the Ontario Rugby Union would be played between the above named clubs, the most intense interest regarding the game and its results was manifested not only in this city but throughout the whole Dominion, wherever manly sports had an admirer. The Ottawa were champions in the town series. Kingston had defaulted to them. They had beaten the Peterboros by 38 to 0, and the Londons, who had won the championship of the Western district, by 36 to 0. The College team had made a still more extradinordinary record, playing every game for which they were scheduled, and defeating in succession Queen's College by 22 to 7, the Royal Military College by 13 to 4, and Toronto University, the college champions of the West, by 19 to 2. Such unparalled success was all the more remarkable as this was the first year that the College club played in Ontario Rugby Union series. Their friends were sanguine as to the result of the final game and freely offered large odds on their favorites. On the other hand, it was believed by many that with the team the city club was now able to put into the field, and the excellent form they had shown in practices, they would place the redoubtable collegians on their mettle and end their long series of triumphs. Rideau Hall grounds were chosen by the union for the match, which was announced to take place at 2.30, but it was nearly 3 before all the men were ready. The College team were the first to appear on the field, and were soon followed by the city men. The Collegians presented a youthful appearance—many of them being mere boys, but for the most part were of fine muscular

development. The Ottawas were larger, and, as a rule, heavier than their opponents, but seemed less quick in their movements. It is scarcely necessary to say that after two days' rain the field was in anything but a suitable condition for a display of scientific football. The teams were as follows:—

OTTAWA COLLEGE—Back, Blanchard; Half-backs, Riley and McCarthy (captain); quarter backs, Kehoe and Bannon; forwards, Hughes, Phelan, Chatelain, Brennan, O'Malley, Mahoney, Loranger, Hillman, Senecal and Herckenrath.

OTTAWA—Back, Lewis; half-backs, McLean, P. B. Taylor, (captain); and Booth; quarter back, Little; forwards, May, Barnhart, O'Connor, Bascom, Humphrey, E. T. Taylor, T. B. D. Evans, Nash and Holbrook.

The Ottawas won the toss and chose the southern goal. O'Malley, finding a pretty stiff breeze in his face, merely tipped the ball with his toe and seizing it tried a run. He was promptly tackled and passed to Mahoney, who in turn was brought to bay by O'Connor, but not until he had made considerable progress. Scrimmage followed scrimmage in rapid succession and the ball was worked down on the Ottawas goal line, over which it was thrice carried and a "try" at last allowed. Booth kicked off magnificently, sending the leather well across the College twenty-five yard line. Blanchard ran for it but slipped on the wet grass. He managed, however, to seize the ball, but before he could run was tackled by the Ottawa forwards, who played a fast and dashing game throughout. The ball went into touch once or twice, and after a strong scrimmage in dangerous proximity to the College goal Loranger got the sphere, and with fierce determination in every line of his expressive countenance, dashed off, followed by all the left wing. He cleverly passed to Kehoe, who went flying down the field. McLean and Lewis tried to check him, but he neatly eluded them and touched the

ball down behind the Ottawa's goal posts. McCarthy should have kicked the goal, but failed. By rattling play on the part of the College forwards—especially the "big four", Chatelain, Brennan, Loranger and Mahoney—the ball was immediately after the kick-off forced down once more close upon the Ottawa goal line. It soon after passed into touch, and on the line out was secured by the Ottawas, who tried a long pass to Little, but Hughes was on him like a flash. A scrimmage ensued out of which the ball was kicked back to Lewis, who, seeing the College forward upon him, rouged. Half-time was called shortly after the score standing, College 9, Ottawa 0. After a rest of 5 minutes Booth kicked off, but the ball was at once returned by McCarthy. Desperately contested scrimmages in center field were now the order of the day. The men had thoroughly warmed to their work. The intense strain of sturdy arm and sinewy thigh brought to the minds of many the sublime picture which old Homer drew of the games before the Scæan gate:

"'Around the sphere, each nervous rival stands,
Embracing rigid with implicit hands
Close locked above, their heads and arms are mixed;
Below their planted feet at distance fixed.
Like the strong rafters which the builder forms,
Proof to the wintry winds and howling storms,
Their tops connected, but at wider space,
Fixt at the center stands their solid base;
Now to the grasp each manly body bends,
The humid sweat from every pore descends,
Their bones resound with blows; sides, shoulders,
thighs,
Swell to each gripe and swelling tumours rise."

Happily, however, the match on Saturday was unattended by any such violence as the Homeric games. "Like Grecian phalanx moveless as a tower," the College forwards resisted the most strenuous efforts of their stalwart opponents. From a more than unusually hard scrimmage,

the ball rolled out to Bannon, who playing with excellent judgment passed it to Riley. May. who played a very fast game dashed forward, but Riley escaping him and the other forwards, held his glorious course. McLean and Taylor were now the only ones between him and the goal line. Redoubling his speed he darted towards them, and when their hands were upon him he wasn't there, but across the goal line with the ball motionless on the ground. From this touchdown McCarthy beautifully kicked a goal sending the College up to 17 points. Open play followed in center field, the College goal being more than once endangered, but only to be relieved by the cool, steady and brilliant play of McCarthy. The leather was again gradually worked down upon the Ottawa goal line, when Phelan, with his usual good luck secured a touchdown. The try failed, and time was called before the ball was again brought into play. The score for the second half was 12 to 0, making a total score in favor of the College of 21 to 0. Notwithstanding the slippery state of the ground, the match was probably the best exposition of Rugby football ever witnessed in Ontario. The Ottawas Played a strong game, but were overmatched at every point by the Varsities. Mr. M. Dennistoun, of Toronto, acted as referee, and filled that difficult position to the satisfaction of both teams. Mr. Strange and Mr. Max Mamilton, of Queen's, were umpires for the Ottawas and the College Club respectively

PUNTS

Heckenrath's play on the College left wing was much admired.

Hughes was a whole host in himself, following the ball with lightning rapidity, and tackling his man every time.

O'Connor did the heaviest and steadiest work on the Ottawa side.

O'Malley, in the center of the College scrimmage, was, if anything, a bigger puzzle than ever to his opponents.

Hillman and Senecal, always sure men, excelled themselves on Saturday.

It is probable that the Montreal Club, champions of Quebec, and the Ottawa College team, champions of Ontario, will meet this week.

After the match, the college boys, armed with brooms, kazoos and fish horns, painted the town a mild vermillion.

Charlie Huck's bugle blast rang high and clear above the loudest clamours of the College boys on Saturday night.

The Manager of the College Club, Mr. G. A. Griffin, who is at present in the hospital, Water Street, was serenaded by the boys on their return from Rideau Hall, and is consequently convalescent.

FROM
THE "OTTAWA CITIZEN"
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 1887.

SPORTING NEWS
MONTREAL vs. OTTAWA COLLEGE

The match arranged by the Rugby Football Unions of Ontario and Quebec for the championship of the Dominion was played in Montreal on Saturday. The Montreal Club having won the Quebec championship, was chosen to represent that province; while the honour of representing Ontario was entrusted to the stalwart students of Ottawa College, who by recently defeating Toronto University and Hamilton teams, won for the third time the magnificent trophy of the Ontario Union.

Intense interest was manifested by football men throughout the two provinces as to the game, and opinion as to its probable result was greatly divided. Those who knew the College team best believed it had never played better football. It had tried the mettle of the Montreal Club in the spring of 1886 and won a hard fought victory by a score of 15 to 10. On the other hand, the Montreal Club had this season defeated McGill and Britannia, and, always strong, was said never to have been stronger. The Gazette of Saturday, speaking of the Montreal Club, said:—"They have foemen worthy of their steel to meet to-day. They will have a team on that may be depended to give a good account of themselves, and are worthy to contend for the proud title of championship of Canada."

Saturday was an ideal football day. The air was cold and bracing, the skies clear and bright. The collegians accompanied by a large party of friends left by the 8 o'clock train on the Canada Atlantic and after a pleasant run arrived in the commercial metropolis, where they registered at the Balmoral. Mr. T. D. B. Evans came down from

Ottawa as the representative of the Union and was untiring in his efforts to perfect arrangements for the game. At three o'clock the Montrealers strode upon the McGill campus, and a few minutes later the garnet and grey appeared amid the cheers of a thousand spectators. The least observant could not fail to notice the vast difference in the physique of the rival teams. The Montrealers were much the older and heavier, but seemed, as the result proved, to lack the agility of the students. Mr. Blaiklock, of Montreal, acted as refreee and Mr. J. Sterling acted as umpire for Montreal, and Mr. F. R. Latchford for Ottawa College. The teams were as follows:—

OTTAWA COLLEGE		MONTREAL
Devine	back	W. C. Hodgson
J. Murphy	halfbacks	J. D. Campbell (Captain)
Kehoe	"	A. Hodgson
O'Malley (Captain)	quarterbacks	Abbott
Guillet	"	W. J. Cleghorn
Hughes	forwards	Foy
T. Murphy	"	H. Cleghorn
Mahoney	"	Louson
McDonald	"	R. Campbell
Masson	"	Barton
French	"	Scott
Kavanagh	"	Black
Hillman	"	Mathewson
Delaney	"	Duggan
McAuley	"	Fulton

A slight delay occurred in starting, on account of Captain Cambell's strange refusal to assent to an arrangement proposed by Captain O'Malley, that in the event of a player on either side being injured, the other side should drop a man or allow a substitute to play. The rules are silent on this point, though they imply that a substitute may be put on in such cases. O'Malley insisted on his right to appoint a substitute should Campbell refuse to

drop a man to even up, and he appealed to the referee in support of his contention. Mr. Blaiklock said he could give no decision on such a point, but thought that as a matter of courtesy and fair play, Mr. O'Malley's proposition should be agreed to; and in this Mr. Campbell finally acquiesced. The College won the toss and chose the kick off, the Montreal Club electing to defend the northern goal, with wind and sun in their favor. O'Malley kicked off short, and securing the ball again kicked into touch. On the throw out it was held and scrimmaged. Then followed the first trial of strength and skill between the opposing forwards. The dash of the students was irresistible. They bore the ball through the Montreal line, and following very rapidly soon had it inside the twenty-five yard line. From touch it was thrown out by Mahoney to McDonald, who shot it to Guillet; he being hard pressed passed to Murphy. Jimmy cleverly evaded A. Hodgson and W. J. Cleghorn and hoisted the sphere far over the Montreal goal line. W. C. Hodgson missed the catch, and before he could recover himself Hughes had the leather behind the poles. The touchdown was not allowed on the ground that Hughes was off side. It was brought out, and from a few scrimmages which followed was again kicked over, but was returned into touch in grand style by W. C. Hodgson. From a scrimmage following the throw-out Mahoney worked the ball up with a resistless rush, and when it went into touch again it was almost on the Montreal goal line. McDonald caught the ball on the throw-out and rushing over the line touched it down once more. The Montreal umpire could not question this play. The ball being placed, Kehoe kicked for goal, but the wind turned the ball a few feet wide, Four to nothing for Ottawa College in ten minutes play. The ball was kicked out by Campbell, and the Montreal forwards, who played far off side, were down on Kehoe as soon as the leather. He prettily dodged Louson and passed to J. Murphy, and by short, quick passes, the ball was once more in Montreal territory. It hovered over their twenty-five yard line a few minutes, and by a splendid kick was sent down the field

among the College backs. It was finally sent over the College line, Abbott close after it. He failed, however, to kick it dead, and Kehoe and Devine rouged it. To the surprise of the students the referee allowed a try. Score 4 to 4. Guillet kicked out, hoisting the ball far up past center field, but it was well returned by Capt. Cambell. Then followed on the part of the Collegians a series of brilliant plays. Their running, dodging, passing and tackling called forth round after round of applause.

"All Rome sent forth a rapturous cry,
And even the ranks of Tuscany
Could scarce forbear to cheer."

The passing was simply marvellous, and has probably never been equalled on a football field in Canada. The Montreal goal line was once more endangered, and Hillman securing the ball dashed across it, but was held before he could touch it down. Result a try: score 8 to 4. The ball was returned into touch from the kick-off, and McDonald securing it on the throw-out passed back to Guillet. More fast dashing and splendid passing, and Tommy Murphy is across the line with the ball touched dead. The ball is ordered back and scrimmaged ten yards from the Montreal line. The heavy Montreal forwards forced back inch by inch, and Delaney has the ball and is behind the goal line clinging to the post. It was contended that the scrimmage had not been broken, and the sphere was reluctantly brought back. The end of half-time approaching O'Malley called upon his men to score again, and they responded with a grand effort. W. J. Cleghorn secured the ball, and being hard pressed by French and Tommy Murphy, passed back across the line to Campbell, but before he could get in his kick Delaney was on him and a safety touch resulted. From the kick-off the ball was again worked back dangerously close to the goal line, and it was with a deep sigh of relief that the Montrealers heard the call of time at four; score 10 to 4 in favor of the Ontario team. The play throughout this half was far more in

favor of the College team than is indicated by the score. Only once was the ball scrimmaged on the College side of the fifty-yard line, and a mere accident gave the Montrealers their points. In the scrimmages, in running, passing and tackling they were far surpassed by the Collegians. The students, however, labored under a great disadvantage in having so many important decisions of the referee against them. There was blood in the eye of the Montreal team when they came on the field for the second half. They said that they were now going to play "their game". It consisted chiefly in keeping the ball between the toes and knees of one of their heaviest forwards and pushing it and him up the field. Another prominent feature of it was their obvious determination to injure as many of their opponents as possible. W. J. Cleghorn especially distinguished himself in this respect. As a consequence the second three-quarters play was marked by a dreary succession of scrimmages and by repeated fouling on the part of the Montreal men, several of whom were warned by the referee. The only points worthy of mention were a splendid pass by O'Malley to Kehoe, followed by a good punt, long high kicks by Guillet and Tommy Murphy, tremendous rushes by Mahoney and O'Malley, and a wonderful drop by Capt. Campbell, which Devine caught and returned into touch. The College men were forced to rouge once, and this was the only point made. Time was called at 5 o'clock, the score standing 10 to 5 in favor of the College. The rival clubs cheered for each other and for the referee, and with victory on their banners the students returned down the slopes of Mount Royal to their hotel. They left Montreal by the Grand Trunk Express for the West at 8.30. A special train kindly provided by Mr. Ebbs, of the C. A. R., brought them home about midnight, tired, indeed, but in no other respect the worse for their triumphant struggle for the Rugby Championship of Canada.

KICKS

W. J. Cleghorn was warned twice.

Not one of the College boys was warned.

The Ottawaites gave three hearty Varsity cheers for McGill.

Devine, the College back is cool under the most trying circumstances.

Guillet and Hillman played their usual grand game. No one man can hold Hillman.

Jonnie Hughes' play was admirable throughout. The boys say he is the best wing man in Canada.

The McGill boys cheered lustily for their brother students, and after the game "bounced" O'Malley.

Mr. Blaiklock said after the game. "Certainly the best team won. The College boys played the more gentlemanly game."

During the first half Hillman made a magnificent run, passing four Montrealers before being tackled, but the ball was brought back as a claim of foul was allowed.

After the first half Campbell was heard to say: "Now we'll play our game." Considering what their game is it is not difficult to guess the reason for their objectiog so strongly to Capt. O'Malley's proposition regarding substitutes.

The students expected to have to play without O'Malley as his leg was hurt in Hamilton, and he thought himself unable to play until the last minute. But he played a daisy game. The boys now say that "He's all right".

Hillman, Kavanagh, Masson, McDonald, French and Mahoney formed a phalanx which was irresistible. Hughes and Delaney on one wing, with McAuley and Tom Murphy on the other, prevented the fast backs of the Montrealers from doing any effective work.

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